Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6 and 12 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A combination hair dryer and mounting assembly comprising:

a hair dryer having a switch moveable between an OFF position in which the hair dryer is not energized and an ON position in which the hair dryer is energized; and

a ~~receptacle~~ mounting cradle configured for receiving the hair dryer therein when the switch is in the OFF position, the ~~receptacle~~ mounting cradle preventing insertion of the hair dryer therein when the switch is in the ON position, the mounting cradle being separate and completely detachable from the hair dryer.

2. (currently amended) The hair dryer of claim 1 wherein the ~~receptacle~~ mounting cradle includes a switch recess shaped to receive at least a portion of the switch when the switch is in the OFF position.

3. (currently amended) The hair dryer of claim 1 wherein the ~~receptacle~~ mounting cradle includes a switch projection which projects outwardly from a surface of the ~~receptacle~~ mounting cradle and which prevents insertion of the hair dryer into the ~~receptacle~~ mounting cradle when the switch is in the ON position.

4. (currently amended) The hair dryer of claim 1 wherein the ~~receptacle~~ mounting cradle includes at least one projection which engages at least one complementary shaped recess on the hair dryer, the at least one projection helping to secure the hair dryer in the ~~receptacle~~ mounting cradle when the hair dryer is received in the ~~receptacle~~ mounting cradle.

5. (original) The hair dryer of claim 4 wherein the at least one projection is generally semi-spherical in shape.

6. (currently amended) A hair dryer assembly comprising:

a hair dryer having a grip, the grip having first and second ends;

a dryer head attached to the second end of the grip;

a switch moveable between an OFF position in which the hair dryer is not energized and an ON position in which the hair dryer is energized; and

a receptacle configured for receiving the hair dryer therein, the receptacle being separate and completely detachable from the hair dryer and having a channel which receives at least a portion of the grip when the switch is in the OFF position, the channel preventing insertion of the hair dryer into the receptacle when the switch is in the ON position.

7. (original) The hair dryer of claim 6 wherein the channel includes a switch recess shaped to complementarily receive at least a portion of the switch when the switch is in the OFF position.

8. (original) The hair dryer of claim 6 wherein the channel includes a switch projection which projects outwardly from the channel and which prevents insertion of the grip into the channel when the switch is in the ON position.

9. (original) The hair dryer of claim 6 wherein the channel includes at least one projection which engages at least one complementary shaped recess on the grip, the at least one projection helping to secure the hair dryer in the receptacle when the grip is received in the channel.

10. (original) The hair dryer of claim 9 wherein the at least one projection is generally semi-spherical in shape.

11. (original) The hair dryer of claim 6 wherein the receptacle further comprises a cavity which receives the dryer head therein when the grip is received in the channel.

12. (currently amended) A hair dryer assembly comprising:

a hair dryer having a grip, the grip having first and second ends;

a dryer head attached to the second end of the grip;

a switch moveable between an OFF position in which the hair dryer is not energized and an ON position in which the hair dryer is energized; and

a receptacle for receiving the hair dryer therein, the receptacle <u>being separate and completely detachable from the hair dryer and</u> having a channel configured to receive at least a portion of the grip, the channel further comprising:

a switch recess sized and shaped to complementarily receive at least a portion of the switch; and

a switch projection adjacent to the switch recess and projecting outwardly from the channel, wherein the switch projection abuts the switch when the switch is in the ON position, thereby preventing insertion of the hair dryer into the receptacle when the switch is in the ON position.